

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**vs.**  
**HASSAN AHMED DAHIR (7)**

3:10-CR-00260(7)  
JUDGE HAYNES

**DEFENDANT HASSAN AHMED DAHIR'S MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 1 TO EXCLUDE  
EVIDENCE OR REFERENCE TO SOMALIA GANGS**

Defendant, Hassan Ahmed Dahir (7), by and through the undersigned counsel, moves this Court to prohibit the government from mentioning in its opening statement or case-in-chief that Defendant Hassan Ahmed Dahir was a gang member of either the “Somalia Outlaws” or the Somalia Mafia.” The Introduction of the Second Superseding Indictment states in part that: “[7] HASSAN AHMED DAHIR a/k/a “MOHAMED ALI HUSSEIN”, was a member of the SOL/SM.” (Docket Entry No. 591, p. 5).

Defendant objects to any attempt by the government to introduce testimony of alleged gang membership into the trial without competent proof from a witness to support the allegations, and requests exclusions of the evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 403. Defendant Dahir submits that any probative value as to testimony about gang membership is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice. Defendant Dahir requests a jury out hearing before introduction of testimony about gang membership so as to gauge the reliability and also the relevancy of the evidence under F.R.E. 403. Finally, and in the event that the Court allows testimony about gang membership, Defendant Dahir requests a limiting instruction.